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Application Serial No. 09/468,471  
Reply to Office Action of May 5, 2004

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PA060-US

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 41, 44-50, 68-74 & 76 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 28/27/26/25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,565,807 B1. Claims 41-45, 47-50 & 68 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,468 B2. Both of these patents are commonly owned by the Assignee of this application. Applicants herewith submit Terminal Disclaimers in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 (c) to overcome these rejections, signed by the attorney of record, along with the required fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

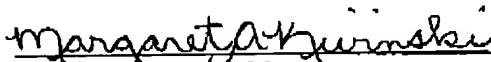
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

### GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND ADDITIONAL FEES

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Furthermore, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for any extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 50-1769; Order No. PA060-US. However, in this instance, a Fee Transmittal sheet is enclosed to cover the current one-month extension of time and the two Terminal Disclaimers.

Respectfully submitted,

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